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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION MAILED MAY 19, 2009

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response, along with a request for continued examination, to the Office Communication mailed May 19, 2009. In view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of the claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.